

MINUTES

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD

May 9, 2007

1st Floor – Investigations Conference Room - 08:30 A.M

Heber Wells Building

160 East 300 South

Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 8:35 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 9:40 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Dudley, *Chairperson*
David Told
Ed Gongaware
Gloria Miley
David Halverson

DOPL STAFF: Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*
Katie Tris, *Board Secretary*

VISITORS: Trina Hansen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech.*
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*
Jeff Pedersen, *UPHCA*
Wilfred Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Lori Stewart, *Mountain Land Applied Tech.*

Robert Dudley, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

MINUTES: David Halverson made a motion to accept the April minutes as written. David Told seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**THOMSON PROMETRIC
TEST REVIEWS &
INTERNATIONAL FUEL
GAS CODE**

Halverson was excused and absent from the previous board meeting that was held in April. The board members along with Dennis Meservy and Katie Tris at the conclusion of the April meeting met with Dwight Nickle of Thomson Prometric and reviewed test questions from the written portion of the plumbing test. Dudley said the test bank contained a lot of questions. They only reviewed a sampling of questions, but from what they could see the written test is a good test. Many testing candidates are having difficulty with the test questions that pertain to fuel gas. An insight that the plumbing industry and the schools need to take notice of is that the fuel gas test questions are taken from the International Fuel Gas Code and not the Questar's Good Practices for Gas Piping and Appliance Installations. Testing candidates should purchase and use the fuel gas code book. However, it is surmised they instead use the Good Practices for Gas simply because it is provided free by Questar Gas the local natural gas provider. Meservy stated Questar's Good Practices booklet would be eliminated as a reference, when the candidate information bulletin for the test is updated later this year by Thomson Prometric.

Meservy discussed two appeal letters from testing candidates that were sent to Thomson Prometric. Thomson allowed both students to retest at no charge due to problems associated with the test.

The board reviewed the state test score reports from Thomson Prometric.

COLORADO LICENSING ISSUES

Tris phoned and spoke with Steve Conrad of Colorado about licensing requirements for that state. Colorado has been accepting journeyman plumbers from Utah and not making them test. Tris said it appeared Colorado's master license classification is more in line with our journeyman license classification. However, Conrad indicated to her, unlike Utah, there is no limit in Colorado on the number of times a candidate can test. Halverson made a motion to review applicants coming from Colorado with a master classification on a case by case basis. Gloria Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

NCCER CURRICULUM & BRIDGERLAND

In the previous board meeting Paul James, the apprenticeship coordinator for Bridgerland, indicated in an e-mail to Tris that Bridgerland used the same curriculum as the other schools for the first two years and for the third and fourth years they used the NCCER along with bits and pieces of the state wide curriculum for plumbers. The board was unfamiliar with the NCCER curriculum and asked Tris to contact James to obtain additional information.

NCCER stands for National Center for Construction Education and Research. NCCER is out of Gainesville, Florida. Bridgerland uses NCCER, because it is a computer modular training program. Bridgerland has a limited number of students. The board had concerns, but could also see Bridgerland lacked students and the NCCER allowed them to teach students, at different learning levels, in the same classroom.

The board asked Tris to phone James and inform him that what he is presently doing with the curriculum should not be a concern as long as the school's students pass the state's journeyman test at an acceptable rate. However, as the school's numbers increase, the board would encourage Bridgerland to move towards using the standardized statewide curriculum for all four years.

NO JULY BOARD MEETING

The plumbing board meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of each month. Dudley brought up the fact that this would mean the July board meeting would be on July 4th. Halverson made a motion to cancel the plumbing board meeting for the month of July. The motion was seconded by Ed Gongaware and all members voted in favor.

APPLICATION REVIEW

The board reviewed out of state applications.

All business concluded, meeting adjourned.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

(ss) Robert Dudley
Board Chairperson Signature

Date:
06/06/2007

(ss) Dennis Meservy
Bureau Manager Signature

Date:
06/06/2007